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SUBJ: FUNDING FOR A CONTRIBUTION

1. CHARGE IS ENTERTAINING A REQUEST FOR A CONTRIBUTION OF RAND 100 (\$115 APPROX) FOR THE ROYAL LESOTHO SPORTS CENTER ASSOCIATION. THIS ASSOCIATION, CREATED LAST YEAR, AIMS TO PROMOTE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS CENTER IN LESOTHO. SPORTING FACILITIES IN MASERU AT PRESENT ARE LIMITED TO THE MASERU CLUB, THE FOOTBALL STADIUM AND A FEW VERY LIMITED SCHOOL FACILITIES (TENNIS COURTS, FOOTBALL FIELD, ETC) CHARGE WAS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN RLSCA AT ITS INCEPTION AND HAS DONE SO AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER, DAN O'CONNELL, IS SECRETARY OF ASSOCIATION. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION IS INTERNATIONAL (HALF BASOTHO).
2. REQUESTS FOR CONTRIBUTION HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. UGANDA HIGH COMMISSION HAS RESPONDED WITH RAND 100 WITH ROC, UK AND FRG EXPECTED TO FOLLOW. CHARGE, AS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, IS BEING PRESSED TO FOLLOW SUIT BUT IS NOT PREPARED TO ABSORB RAND 100 CONTRIBUTION OUT OF POCKET. HAVE CONTEMPLATED TREATING REQUEST AS REPRESENTATION IN U.S. INTEREST.

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3. CAN YOU ADVISE (A) WHETHER REQUEST FOR DONATION FOR ABOVE PURPOSE IS JUSTIFIABLE AS REPRESENTATION OR (B) WHETHER ALTERNATIVE SOURCE EXISTS FROM WHICH SUCH OUTLAY COULD BE COVERED?
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